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This is a continuation of co-pending application Serial No. 09/133,136 filed on August 12, 1998 by Albert K. Chin, which is a continuation-in-part of pending application Serial No. 08/907,691 entitled "TISSUE SEPARATION CANNULA WITH DISSECTION PROBE AND METHOD" filed on August 8, 1997 by Albert K. Chin, which is a file-wrapper continuation of application Serial No. 08/593,533 entitled "TISSUE SEPARATION CANNULA AND METHOD" filed on January 24, 1996 by Albert K. Chin, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part application of pending Serial No. 08/502,494 entitled "TISSUE SEPARATION CANNULA AND METHOD" filed on July 13, 1995, by Albert K. Chin, which is a continuation-in-part application of application Serial Number 08/421,481 entitled "CANNULA ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR PROGRESSIVELY DISSECTING TISSUE" filed on April 12, 1995 by Albert K. Chin now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,591,183.—

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claims 1, 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12 in amended form as follows:

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1. A tissue dissector comprising:
    - an elongated cannula, having a proximal end and a distal end;
    - a tip having tapered outer walls and being disposed on the distal end of the cannula for inserting into tissue; and
    - a solid dilating element disposed on the cannula at a location thereon intermediate the distal and proximal ends thereof and having an